

Nicol Board and Batten
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Nicol Board and Batten

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

31 Charleston Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21539

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ STATUS☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James Nicol

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

31 Charleston Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21539 STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 95

Folio #: 6

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☒ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building originally consisted of a one and one-half story, three bays wide frame structure with board and plain batten. A large frame addition, with board and batten siding and resting on wooden posts was added onto the north of the original. A second addition is a two story, one bay wide frame structure with board and batten resting on a high foundation with random rubble. The original building rests on a high stone foundation of coursed rock-faced ashlar with a plain water table. The gable flank roof, which has been enlarged to cover the original and the first addition is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice and frieze on the flanks and are close pent with a frieze on the gable ends. Two brick chimneys on the additions have corbeled caps.

The main entrance in the center of the southern facade includes a four paneled door with original hardware. Windows throughout the structure are pegged six over six light sashes with wooden lugsills. A porch on the south has a hipped roof supported by replaced wooden posts. A porch on the east has a shed roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nicol Board and Batten House is located on Charlestown Road in Charlestown. Charlestown is a small village located adjacent to Lonaconing.

The dwelling was built between 1881 and 1896 by John Wright who was a Welsh miner. (1) In 1896 it was inhabited by Charles Nicol. (2) The building was sold to Alexander Nicol in 1897 through an Equity Case in which testimony indicated that there was a dwelling on the lot. (3) James Nicol, a coal miner from Scotland, bought the property in 1904. (4) At one time a saloon was operated in the house. (5) During the late 19th and early 20th centuries there were as many as forty saloons in Lonaconing. A great many of these were "family saloons" that were maintained for the purpose of supplementing the family income. (6)

The two story three bay wide house was drastically altered with a large frame addition and a replaced roof. Material for the addition was reportedly taken from a neighboring dwelling. The entire structure is covered with board and batten.

- (1) Allegany County Equity Case #4525
- (2) Ibid
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 95, Folio 6
- (5) Interview with James Andrew Nicol, March 27, 1980
- (6) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al, Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.250

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al Allegany County, A History Parsons, W Va. McClain
Printing Co., 1976
Allegany County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150'x135'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites

April 3, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

3 Pershing Street

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cumberland

Maryland 21502

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Nicol Board and Batten
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 95, Folio 6
Grantee: James Nicol
Grantor: Alexander Nicol, et ux

Date: February 16, 1904
Consideration: \$300.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 81, Folio 39
Grantee: Alexander Nicol
Grantor: DeWarren H. Reynolds, trustee
Notes: Equity Case #4525 of 1897 testimony indicates
that there was a dwelling on the lot

Date: January 2, 1897
Consideration: \$421.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 43, Folio 422
Grantee: John Wright
Grantor: Sally Smith, et al
Notes: Part of Ethiopia and the Isles

Date: July 20, 1874
Consideration: \$25.00

JRY NO: _____

DATE: AL-VI-B-173

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

OF PROPERTY: Nicol Board & Batten Charleston

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: John Nicol

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: (31) Charleston St. South

NAME OF OWNER: James Nichol 150' x 135' ED 10 MAP 58 P. 70

ADDRESS: ED 10

12/11 Slides VI-B 295/6

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on east gabled B & B add w/ random rubble found.
seam in foundation some german siding

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Add on N rests on posts

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone random rubble uncoursed ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() lugsails
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center 4 panels orig hardware
HARDWARE: original () replaced () 4 panels
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN large keyhole
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) close pent on gable
original () replaced () rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; TAR PAPER original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable ()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior() addition

IS: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular orig

ADDITIONS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

4382

5163 II SE
(BARTON)

WESTERN 6-4 M
HARTON 17 MI

4379

32°30'

4378



Lonaconing

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Charlestown

NICOL BOARD AND BATTEN

31 CHARLESTON ST, LONA CONING

USGS LONA CONING QUAD

1:24,000

1950

Midland-Gilman
Reservoir

Strip
Mine

WESTERN

MARYLA

Oak Hill
Cem

St Marys Cem

Hill

Run

Detmold

Pekin
(Niken PO)

Lonaconing
Reservoir

Charlestown

Jackson Mtn

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CHARLESTOWN ST., CONACONING
DAVID A. DERBY

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Northwest



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NICOL BOARD AND BATTEN

CHARLESTOWN ST. LONACONING

DAVID ADERSEY

10/27/78

southeast